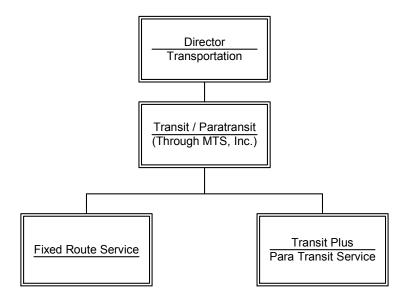
# **MILW CO TRANSIT-PARATRANSIT SYSTEM (5600)**



## **MISSION**

The Milwaukee County Transit / Paratransit System exists to provide reliable, convenient, and safe public transportation services that efficiently and effectively meet the varied travel needs of the community and contribute to its quality of life.

# **Budget Summary**

	2013	2012/2013 Change
Expenditures	163,909,968	(5,166,698)
Revenue	145,031,108	(4,943,900)
Levy	18,878,860	(222,798)

# **Major Programmatic Focus**

- Increase funding for bus security by \$500,000, or 55 percent.
- Continuation of Metro EXpress service on Red, Blue, and Green Lines.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Provide a safe and dependable transit system for the traveling public.
- Operate within established budgets while maximizing the quality and timeliness of services provided.
- Work with service providers to ensure that high quality paratransit service is provided cost effectively
  while meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities.

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## DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) provides public transit services through the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS). Management of the transit system, including paratransit services, is provided by Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. (MTS), a private non-profit corporation under contract to the County under the supervision of MCDOT. The corporation uses transit facilities and equipment owned and provided by Milwaukee County.

Paratransit operations include the provision of demand responsive transportation and orientation to transportation services. These services provide a complement to the fixed-route services of MCTS and are available to those who are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit eligible.

The Director's Office of the MCDOT provides County oversight as well as conducts various transit related studies, and prepares and administers Federal and State transit grants. Division personnel also facilitate the acquisition of capital equipment as well as provide design and construction services for capital facilities.

### **2013 BUDGET**

## Approach and Priorities

The 2013 Budget was developed to ensure continued provision of efficient transportation services.

## **Programmatic Impacts**

- Increases funding for bus security by \$500,000 or 55 percent.
- Maintains service levels and passenger fares.
- Continues Metro Express service on Green, Red, and Blue Lines.
- Estimated \$8.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement funding to support express routes.

## **Transit Operations (Fixed Route)**

#### **Expenditure and Revenue Overview**

Operating expenses increase \$1,702,841 from \$134,791,493 to \$136,494,334. Passenger revenues (passenger abatement) increase \$254,872 from \$41,370,128 to \$41,625,000.

Fixed route services increase 18,202 miles (0.1 percent)/9,453 hours (0.7 percent). The increase in fixed route services is due to budgeting for a full 12 months of Metro EXpress service compared to 11 months in the 2012 Budget.

#### **Fares**

Fixed route fares remain at the 2012 budgeted level.

#### Feasibility Study - Bus Passes

MCTS is directed to conduct a feasibility study on creating partnerships with businesses with the intent of creating a lower cost subsidized pass for low-income working people. MCTS is also directed to study the feasibility of creating a summer long youth pass for teens who are employed and/or seeking employment. MCTS shall report back to the Transportation, Public Works & Transit committee in the April 2013 committee meeting cycle with its findings and recommendations.

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## Feasibility Study – Ridership, Fares and Paper Transfers

MCTS is directed to conduct a feasibility study on how to increase non-captive ridership, lower fares while maintaining revenues, and eliminate paper transfers. MCTS shall report back to the Transportation, Public Works, and Transit Committee in the April 2013 committee meeting cycle with its findings and recommendations.

## **Paratransit Operations**

#### Revenue and Expenditure Overview

Operating expenses decrease \$7,567,048 from \$26,434,449 to \$18,867,401. Program revenue decreases \$5,982,802 from \$10,949,134 to \$4,966,332. The decrease in expenditures and revenues is the result of fewer estimated trips in 2013 compared to 2012. Estimated trips decrease 325,385 from 1,004,814 to 679,429. Trip subsidies paid by Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) remain at the 2012 budgeted level of \$12.55 per oneway trip.

#### Paratransit Fares

Paratransit fares remain at the 2012 budgeted level of \$4.00 per one-way trip.

#### Paratransit Service Area

Paratransit services within Milwaukee County remain border-to-border.

#### New Freedom Initiative

Transit will continue to coordinate with the Office for Persons with Disabilities and other County agencies to continue to provide free rides on the fixed route system for eligible persons with disabilities through the Federal New Freedom Initiative, with the goal of continuing to expand mobility and reducing the need for paratransit service.

BUDGET SUMMARY								
Account Summary	2	2011 Actual 2012 Budget 2013 Budget		2012/2013				
								Change
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$	366	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)		0		0		0		0
Services		350,267		348,266		368,266		20,000
Commodities		415,219		420,000		490,000		70,000
Transit Operations		135,374,136		138,280,305		139,996,311		1,716,006
Other Charges		23,696,036		26,984,637		20,089,800		(6,894,837)
Capital Outlay		804,332		277,500		487,500		210,000
County Service Charges		2,683,547		2,765,958		2,478,091		(287,867)
Abatements		0		0		0		0
Total Expenditures	\$	163,323,903	\$	169,076,666	\$	163,909,968	\$	(5,166,698)
State & Federal Revenue		89,632,528		94,078,246		94,899,600		821,354
Other Direct Revenue		7,871,036		7,415,500		2,538,176		(4,877,324)
Transit Revenue		48,753,325		48,481,262		47,593,332		(887,930)
Total Revenue	\$	146,256,889	\$	149,975,008	\$	145,031,108	\$	(4,943,900)
Direct Total Tax Levy		17,067,014		19,101,658		18,878,860		(222,798)

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FARE STRUCTURE					
Fare Type	Current Fare	2013 Fare	2012/2013 Change		
Adult Cash	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$0.00		
Adult Ticket	10/\$17.50	10/\$17.50	\$0.00		
Premium Cash	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$0.00		
Premium Ticket	10/\$23.50	10/\$23.50	\$0.00		
All Half fares Cash	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$0.00		
All Half Fares Tickets	10/\$11.00	10/\$11.00	\$0.00		
Adult Weekly Pass*	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$0.00		
Monthly Pass	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$0.00		
Student Pass – Special*	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$0.00		
U-Pass**	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.00		
Commuter Value Pass***	\$201.00	\$201.00	\$0.00		
Paratransit Fare****	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00		

<sup>\*</sup> Per week

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Per one way trip

ACTIVITY & STATISTICAL SUMMARY					
	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2013 Budget		
Fixed Route Service					
Buses in Fleet	415	415	415		
Buses Operated in Peak Service	341	324	333		
Annual Bus Miles	17,107,116	17,239,145	17,257,347		
Annual Bus Hours	1,298,645	1,299,862	1,309,315		
Revenue Passengers	38,075,651	37,216,700	37,500,000		
Cost per Mile	\$7.75	\$7.82	\$7.91		
Cost per Revenue Passenger	\$3.48	\$3.62	\$3.64		
Revenue per Revenue Passenger					
	\$1.10	\$1.11	\$1.11		
Farebox Recovery Ratio	31.65%	30.69%	30.50%		
Transit Plus					
Van Trips per Hour	1.99	2.00	2.00		
Ridership	876,494	1,004,814	679,429		
Cost per Ride	\$25.35	\$26.31	\$27.77		

All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall budgets. Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severely liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."

<sup>\*\*</sup> Per School Semester

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Per Quarter